# **Destination-based Sales Tax**

# **Tools Summary**

## Online tax rate lookup tool

Lookup tax rates and location codes by street address, ZIP + 4, map, or latitude/longitude. The tool has a tax calculator function that provides the tax amount, total, and confirmation code.

With the exception of the map and calculator features, this tool is also accessible by handheld devices at taxrates.dor.wa.gov.

# Washington sales tax rate lookup user interface

The URL interface provides a direct access to the Department's address-based rate lookup technology platform. You can access sales and use tax rate data using address or ZIP + 4 information and tie the data into your shopping cart checkout process or accounting system in real time.

## City and county tax rates

Sales and use tax rates and location codes are available in a variety of online, downloadable formats – alphabetically, cities grouped by county, Excel, and QuickBooks file formats.

# **County maps**

These paper maps display location code boundaries and tax rates by county. Maps are available for Chelan, Clark, Douglas, Grant, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Tri-Cities (Benton & Franklin), Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima counties.

#### **Customer database conversion service**

This service allows businesses to submit their customer address database and receive the location code and sales tax rate for each address.

#### **Excel workbook**

A downloadable tax calculator workbook that displays tax rates and location codes, calculates totals, summarizes sales by city or county, and formats data so that it can be uploaded into E-file.

#### **Downloadable databases**

Databases are available for businesses to download and integrate into accounting and point of sale systems. They include addresses by county or state, tax jurisdiction boundaries, location codes and Zip + 4 with associated tax rates.

## **Washington sales tax rate library (source code)**

Source code that provides a sales tax rate lookup using the Department's address and rate download files.



# Tax Credit/Certified Service Provider Assistance

To help retailers transition to destination-based sales tax, certain small retailers are eligible for up to \$1,000 in tax credits (to offset any necessary changes to their accounting, point-of-sale, or other systems) or two years of assistance from a certified service provider – a third party that handles the coding and files the sales tax returns for businesses. Eligible businesses can claim these benefits after July 1, 2008.

- Retailers are eligible if they meet all of the following requirements:
- Gross less than \$500,000 annually
- Receive at least five percent of their taxable sales income from deliveries
- Receive at least one percent of their taxable sales income from deliveries outside the jurisdiction where they collect the most sales tax

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